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RE.: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

Dear Sir or Miss,

I would like to submit my opinion in regard to the labeling of food that has been exposed to radiation. I feel very strongly that it should be the right of the individual to choose the type of food he or she eats. I absolutely want to know if the food that I eat has been exposed to radiation and would expect to see that on the food labeling even if it is for fruit, vegetables or any other type of consumable item. This includes any type of processed food or drink that contains food ingredients that has been irradiated.

Sincerely,



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